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FLORIDA STATE DIRECTORY

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DeSoto County Directory.

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Treasurer—F. E. Cooper.
County Judge—A. E. Foster.
Superintendent of Schools—M. F. Giddens.
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Punta Gorda Directory.

Mayor—A. C. Freeman.
Marsh—J. H. Bowman.
Clerk and Assessor—W. B. Hardee.
Collector—Chas. Smith.
Treasurer—W. A. Roberts.
Justices of the Peace—W. B. Hardee.
Council meets in regular session on the first Tuesday of each month.

Arrival and Departure of Mails.

Northern Mail—Arrives 1:30 a. m. 8:15 a. m. daily; departs 4:00 p. m. and 7:05 a. m. daily.
South Bound—Leaves Punta Gorda by boat for St. James, Haulover, Punta Rassa and Myers at 7 a. m. daily except Sunday; returning arrives at 2 p. m.
Grove City and Englewood—Departs daily by boat at 7 a. m.; arrives at 2 p. m.
Charlotte Harbor and Harbor View—Departs daily by boat at 7 a. m.; arrives at 2:15 p. m.

JOSUA MYERS, Postmaster

Churches and Societies.

Episcopal Church, Rev. T. J. Purdie, rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on the first and third Sundays; Sunday school at 8:30 o'clock each Sunday afternoon.
Presbyterian—Rev. C. H. Ferris, pastor. Services second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 8:30. Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m. Thursdays.
Methodist—Rev. H. W. Joiner, pastor. Services at 7 p. m. every Sunday and at 11 a. m. on the first and third Sundays at the Punta Gorda church; Sunday school every Sunday 10 a. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening of each week. Epworth League meets every Sunday 8:30 p. m. Charlotte Harbor Methodist church—Services at 7 p. m. on second and fourth Sundays and at 7 p. m. on Saturdays previous.

Punta Gorda Baptist Church—Rev. J. E. McIntosh, pastor. Services every Sunday at 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 8:00 p. m. every Sunday. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night.
Seventh-day Adventist sabbath school 10 a. m. preaching 3 p. m. and 7 p. m. Bible study Wednesday 7 p. m. C. B. Stephens, Elder.
Y. P. S. C. E.—Meets every Tuesday evening in the Presbyterian church at 7:30.

Masonic—Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115, F. & A. M. Meets on Friday before second Saturday of each month in Masonic hall. J. M. Samuel, W. M.; R. L. Earnest, Sec.
Pythian—Tarpion Lodge No. 30, K. of P. Meets on Wednesday night of each week in Masonic hall. H. L. Blakely, C. C.; A. Roe, K. of R. & S.
Woodmen of the World—DeSoto Camp No. 19. Meets in Masonic hall second and fourth Thursdays. A. K. Demore, C. C.

Punta Gorda Brass Band—Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights of each week. M. V. Williams, Secretary.

Punta Gorda Business Directory.

A. Roe—Wholesale and Retail Hay, Grain, Fertilizers, etc.
Mrs. A. Roe—Manager Hotel Dade.
W. H. Burland—Physician and Surgeon.
A. F. Dewey—Owner and operator Charlotte Harbor Lightage and Stevedore Co.
Jas. H. Farrington—Insurance.
M. V. Williams—Cashier Punta Gorda Bank.
The Earnest Dry Goods Co.—Dry Goods, Shoes, Gent's Furnishings.
J. C. Freeman—Hardware and furniture.
J. W. Booth—Agent Plant System.
J. R. Elliott—Dry Goods and Notions.
R. K. Seward—Groceries, Shoes, Hats, etc.
Gents' Furnishings, Hardware, and Paints.
Geo. T. Brown & Co.—Wholesale Fish and Oysters.
A. W. Gilchrist—Real Estate, Insurance.
Punta Gorda Market and Ship Supply Co.—Meats, vegetables, produce and Groceries.
J. Jack, City Bakery.
Pioneer Barber Shop—J. Rash proprietor.
T. O'R. Jamison—Fruits, confections, etc.
H. J. Spence and I. H. Trabue—Attorneys.
McLane & Oliver—Hardware, Groceries.
J. B. Cox—Fruit, confections, cigars, tobacco, cool drinks, etc.
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COFFEE ADULTERANTS.

The List Runs Through the Alphabet From A to W.

If all of the substances that pass through a coffee grinding machine during the year should be written in alphabetical order, "W" would begin the list with wormwood, sprouts of which are sometimes used to give the decaffeinated coffee a slight aromatic bitter taste.

Adulteration occurs largely in the coffee that is sold in the ground form. Several coffee berry factories have been discovered in Europe which were doing a large and profitable business by molding an admixture of tanbark, stove rust, clay, sawdust, chicory, coffee sediment and coffee meal into a neat berry by the aid of some agglutinant, and these berries were so well made that the deception was not discovered for a long time. This production had a large sale among the lower classes of Russia and Poland, and mixed with the genuine coffee berry, its sale was quite lively in other parts of Europe.

Unroasted coffee berries are often made from oat and rye flour and cornmeal. The natural aroma of these grains is destroyed by some process, and after the proper amount of coffee is added, the berries are formed and caused to maintain their shape by some adhesive substance. The test usually employed to discover this deception is to place the beans in a receptacle containing warm water, which will dissolve them in a few hours.—Honolulu Star.

Period of Growth.

Children born between September and February are, some authorities state, not so tall as those born in the summer and spring months, and the growth of children is much more rapid from March till August. The extremes grow rapidly up to the sixteenth year, then there is a slow growth till the thirtieth year. The legs chiefly grow between the tenth and seventeenth year.

Comparing the general results, it appears that there are six periods of growth. The first extends up to the sixth or eighth year and is one of very rapid growth; the second period, from eleven to fourteen years, growth is slow; the third period, from sixteen to seventeen; the fourth period shows a slow growth up to the age of thirty for height, up to fifty for chest girth; the fifth period is one of rest, from thirty to fifty years; the sixth period is characterized by a decrease in all dimensions of the body.

His Special Grace.

"Yes," said a teacher in a south side school the other day while endeavoring to explain to her class how the same word may have different meanings, "there is more than one kind of grace. Grace may be a girl's name, and grace means beauty, too; so that when we say a lady or anything else is full of grace we mean that she or it is beautiful in form and in character. Now, there is another kind of grace. I wonder who can explain what it is. Freddie, what does your father say when he sits down to breakfast in the mornings?"

"Oh, pash, ma, I wish things wasn't always put on the table so sloppy that they spoil a fellow's appetite."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Banana Juice For Bronchitis. The juice of bananas is recommended as one of the best remedies in chronic bronchitis with insufficient expectoration and marked dyspnea. A dram eight or ten times a day during the first days is usually prescribed, and later the dose can be diminished.

The strip is prepared as follows: Cut the fruit in slices and place them in a jar; sprinkle with sugar and cover the jar, which is then enveloped in straw and placed in cold water, and the latter is heated by a repetition of this means a constant murmur of a cascade could be kept up so long as the audience desired or the player was able to perform it.

London's Postal Service. So complete are the postal arrangements of London that there is not a house more than 260 yards from a letter box or 400 from a postoffice and money order office. There are over 10,000 pillar boxes (we call them letter boxes), which are cleared every hour from 30 in the morning till 5 in the evening, and there are twelve deliveries a day in the city.

A Tiddie.

A lady who had a pet magpie used to allow it to take bits of food from between her lips. One day it perched on her shoulder, as usual, but instead of taking the tidbit she offered him he poked a nice, fat, green caterpillar between her lips.

Miniature Holland.

The striking thing about Holland is that everything except the old parish churches, the town halls, the dikes and the trees is in miniature. The cities are not wide, and one can go from the most northern point in the country to the most southern or from the extreme west to the extreme east in a single day and, if it be a summer day, in daylight, while from the top of the tower of the cathedral at Utrecht one can look over a large part of the country. The Hague and Rotterdam are only sixteen miles apart, and The Hague and Amsterdam only forty miles. Arnhem and The Hague are the two most cosmopolitan cities in the kingdom, and one meets in the streets all sorts and conditions of Dutchmen.—Boston Transcript.

THOUSAND MILE RACE

Pigeons Race from Punta Gorda to Washington.

At 5:30 last Friday morning, Agent Tucker of the Express Company released from their basket in the plaza in front of Hotel Dade nine homing pigeons, which had been sent to him from Washington, D. C., by W. F. Dismar secretary of the N. F. of A. H. P. F.

On being released, the birds arose high in the air and flew slowly around twice in great circles of possibly a mile in diameter. It took them perhaps about five minutes to get their bearings, and then they went off like rifle balls, so suddenly and swiftly that they instantly disappeared from sight and no one saw which direction they took.

The weather was fair and calm, being very favorable to the birds in starting on their race, and it is hoped that they reached Washington safely and made a record to delight their owners.

Homing pigeons are said to travel at the rate of seventy miles an hour and to be able to sustain this tremendous speed for twelve or more hours. It is inconceivable how such power and endurance can be contained in such small creatures. In these respects, not even the finest and largest locomotive can compete with a homing pigeon.

The birds released Friday, being in good condition and having favorable weather, should have reached Washington as early as Sunday noon, but various causes arise to delay racers in making such a long journey. They have to stop for food and water and maybe do not travel at night; and doubtless the tremendous strain of keeping up such a terrific speed is enough of itself to kill birds not in prime physical condition.

Mr. Dismar writes that this is the fourth time his association has tried to have a pigeon race from Punta Gorda to Washington. The first attempt resulted in their getting back after liberation; in the second, all returned in four days, while in the third race seven of the twelve returned home, the first arriving about ten days after liberation.

If the birds released last Friday did not kill themselves by getting overheated, we feel confident that they have made a splendid record. It would seem that cooler weather would be best for these pigeon racers, for the great exertion necessary to develop such wonderful speed is likely to develop also a dangerous amount of heat in the organism of the birds.

We are impatient to know the results of this last race.

A TONY CONCERN.

The building of the Punta Gorda Fruit Extract Co., of which Dr. Best is manager, has been finished and the front part has been partitioned off into a very tony soda water and ice cream saloon. There are two apartments, closely connected, large and roomy, conveniently arranged and elegantly finished in native woods and oil. A handsome new ebony fountain faces the door and in front of it is the usual marble-topped and polished, stylishly constructed and affording plenty of seating room. To the left centering in a large, well lighted, but cozy parlor in which one may sit with his best girl or wife and sip soda and nibble ice cream to his heart's content.

So well is everything arranged and so bright, attractive and clean is everything that it is easy to predict that Dr. Best's saloon will be a popular resort by the time this is read.

Rhage and Rheumatism.

Sufferers from rheumatism who believe that they will be cured of their aches through wearing a certain kind of metal ring would be surprised perhaps to hear that they are keeping alive an old superstition that owed its origin to one of the ceremonies performed on Good Friday. The ceremony was called the blessing of the cramp rings and was carried out by the king himself, who went into his private chapel, accompanied only by his great almoner, crawled on his knees to the crucifix and there blessed a silver bowl full of gold and silver rings. These rings were afterward distributed to people who were afflicted with rheumatism or epilepsy. The idea is supposed to have originated in a certain Confessor, which was kept in Westminster abbey and used as a cure for such ills.—London Chronicle.

The Hairspring.

The hairspring of a watch is a strip of the finest steel about 9 1/2 inches long and .01 inch wide and .0027 inch thick. It is coiled up in spiral form and finely tempered. The process of tempering these springs was long held as a secret by the few fortunate ones possessing it, and even now it is not generally known. Their manufacture requires gauged to the 220 of an inch, but no measuring instrument has yet been devised capable of fine enough gauging to determine beforehand by the size of the strip what the strength of the finished spring will be. A twenty-thousandth part of an inch difference in the thickness of the strip makes a difference in the running of a watch of about six minutes per hour.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The most interesting and important matters coming before the county commissioners at their last meeting were the following:

Justice Hardee of the 7th district reported the commitment of Ivey Midgett and Charles Daniels charged with the murder of Frank Borges; also, Will Beasley fined \$15 for assault and battery; also, W. H. Lockwood bound over for violating the local option laws.

Board approved note of Comptroller Croom transmitting "authority" to allow the cancellation and surrender of all certificates in DeSoto county against the lands of Frank Q. Brown, trustee, Florida Commercial Company, and Florida Southern railroad upon the payment of back taxes upon a valuation of 25c. per acre. Please note that this applies to cancellation and surrender, and not to purchase and transfer of certificates, and is upon the lands only and is not intended to include town lots or property inside of corporations. These taxes are to be calculated according to the millage levied each year.

The following tax levy for 1902 was made: General revenue 4 mills, fine and forfeiture 2, road 2, school 5, school districts 3 mills each.

Treasurer instructed to transfer \$2,000 from the fine and forfeiture to the general fund.

J. W. Craig was given the county mules to care for 60 days for \$100. Report doesn't say whether Craig or the county is to pay \$100. S. L. Griffin was authorized to sell one of the mules, which is lame.

For 1902 taxation, the following valuations were placed on the lands of the parties named: Winn Ashley Land Co., Peacock, Hunt and West Co., including J. B. and B. G. O'Brien, 75c. per acre; Overstreet Bros. 95c.; Black Padgett Co. \$1.00; J. McCalford, Dorrity and Gleaton, W. G. Welles and Hickman and Greer, 90c.; Holmes Bros. 70c.; A. W. Gilchrist, agent, 25c.

County attorney reported that the commissioners have no authority to reduce valuations made by the assessor.

The board then proceeded to raise the valuations of lands of a large number of owners, including the following in Punta Gorda: L. T. Blockson, 2 1/2 town lots, from \$300 to \$400; W. H. Johnson, 3 lots, \$200 to \$400; W. A. Southerland, one lot, \$240 to \$300; M. L. Robinson, one lot, \$200 to \$250; W. H. Burland, 2 lots, \$300 to \$750; Mrs. C. W. Conolly, one lot, \$1050 to \$1200.

VICIOUS ALLIGATORS.

Now that the primary is over, the Leesburg Commercial is devoting its attention to telling alligator stories. Its last week's issue contains the following: One night last week as Mr. W. F. Bozeman was wending his way home, up Kolb street, an alligator made a lunge and snap at him and carried away a part of his trousers leg. Fortunately the saurian, which was afterwards killed, did not succeed in fastening his mighty jaws on the leg.

One day last week Mr. Vickers Smith lost a large, fine cow at his home place at Fruitland Park. The cow was feeding in a pond when a large alligator caught her by the nose, drew her head under the water and drowned her. Mr. Smith saved the cow from being eaten by the alligator, but reached the place of the struggle too late to rescue her from the saurian.

RESOLUTIONS.

Castle Hall, De Soto Lodge No. 26, K. of P. Arcadia.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to call home to Himself Sister Carrie Carlton, wife of our honored and beloved brother, Henry E. Carlton. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Sister Carlton, a mother in Israel has fallen; that our entire community has suffered loss and that from the family one has been taken whose place cannot be filled.

Resolved, That as a lodge we express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, especially the husband, who has lost a lifetime companion.

In his loneliness and grief we can only point him to the One in whom we know he has long trusted, believing that He alone can comfort in such deep affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our lodge; that a copy be forwarded the family and that all the papers of the county be requested to publish these resolutions.

W. L. MARON.

A. E. POSEER.

C. C. CHOLLAR.

Brass and Bronze.

Brass and bronze are two alloys of copper. The first is composed of copper and zinc, the latter of copper and tin. Both historically and scientifically these two compound metals are of greater interest than almost any others. Copper was one of the first metals discovered, extracted and utilized in the earliest periods of our history, and antiquaries are accustomed to speak of a "bronze age" to express that interval of time during which this metal formed many of the implements used for industrial purposes and in warfare.